

September 9, 2008

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington D.C., 20554

RE: WT DOCKET NO. 08-165

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PETITION BY CTIA-THE WIRELESS ASSOCIATION FOR
DECLARATORY RULING TO CLARIFY PROVISIONS OF SECTION 332 (C)(7)(B)
TO ENSURE TIMELY SITING REVIEW AND TO PREEMPT UNDER SECTION 253
STATE AND LOCAL ORDINANCES THAT CLASSIFY ALL WIRELESS SITING
PROPOSALS AS REQUIRING VARIANCE

September 15, 2008: Comment Due Date

September 30, 2008: Reply Due Date

August 22, 2008: Motion Filed by Montgomery County, Maryland, et al, to extend the
above deadlines.

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I urge the FCC to uphold citizens' rights to self-governance, property rights, and rights to
protect our and other species' health and environment ~
Please deny the CTIA petition!

Warm thanks to Commissioners Copps and Adelstein, who I know will uphold our rights.
I urge the other Commissioners to emulate that responsible, respectful, ethical position.

Regarding, for example, health/environment impacts,

While the 1996 Telecom Act (Section 704) prohibits any reference to the health effects of
electromagnetic radiation from wireless facilities, there is an extensive body of credible
medical evidence pointing to the potential dangers of wireless technology, including
proximity to antennas on towers, and exposure to cell phones, as well as WI FI. Rather
than delving into these studies here, please refer to:

- The Bioinitiative Report, 2007 <http://www.bioinitiative.org/report/index.htm>
(2000 peer-reviewed, published worldwide studies; See especially "Section 17: Key
Scientific Evidence")
- Cindy Sage on the Bioinitiative Report
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tZDor-co0>

Although cell phone companies often state that there is no conclusive scientific evidence that cell phones and wireless technology are dangerous, it is equally valid to say that there is no conclusive scientific evidence that wireless technology is safe.

What is forgotten when the discussion is framed in this way is that if public health policy were created when scientific evidence were conclusive, it would be too late to prevent harm. Good public health policy is generally created when there's a preponderance of early warning signs. According to the Bioinitiative Report, there is now more early evidence of the potential dangers of exposure to wireless technology than we had for second-hand smoke when legislation was passed to ban smoking in public places. Other countries are already taking precautions. For instance, some libraries in Europe have banned WI FI to protect their librarians and patrons.

Given the body of scientific evidence on the potential hazards of exposure microwave radiation, it's absolutely imperative to retain our local ordinances on antenna siting. Not to do so would be paramount to deliberate abandonment of the public health. It appears that public health is in the FCC's purview (if not the '96 Telecom Act's), based on the existence of FCC Safety Rules (although they are outdated).

I ask that the FCC, in its deliberations, make a clear distinction between its mission to "to be an agent of positive change, striving for continuous improvement in FCC's management and program operations" (FCC website) and the inclination to be an agent of positive change for the industry it has been appointed to regulate, not abet. That is, whatever positive changes the FCC may be engaged in should be on behalf of the American public, and not the members of the CTIA.

I do not want RF emissions, from everywhere within 30 miles, imposed upon me and my family and our ecosystem, any more than they already are.

In addition to greatly worsening the emissions matter, though, this petition proposes also to eliminate all remaining citizens'-rights over siting of physical celltowers – regardless of structural safety, wildlife, and and esthetic concerns.

ALL of these issues should be in the governing hands of citizens, not industry.

Sincerely,

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